



This is the “Sassenpoort” in the city of Zwolle. This Gateway was built in 1406-1407 to defend the city. It is the only inside gate that remains, the outside gate was demolished in 1839. More on Zwolle on pages 20 and 21.

Important: The entries below are an indication only of what events are planned during the coming months and the information given may not always be accurate and could be subject to change.
For up-to-date accurate information, **always** refer to the larger function advertisements inside this paper or the posters displayed in the clubhouse.

Upcoming Functions in Neerlandia and other Venues as shown:

Sunday 7 Feb	<u>"Sunday Card Drive"</u>	10.00 am
	Cost: \$ 6.00	
Thursday 18 Feb	<u>"DJVV Meeting"</u>	Shop open
Sunday 21 Feb	<u>"DVD Show with Sausage Sizzle"</u>	11.30 am
	Doors open	11.00 am
	Cost: \$2.00 Donation	
	More details on page 5	
Thursday 4 March	<u>"DJVV Meeting"</u>	Shop open
Saturday 6 March	<u>"Carnaval Ball"</u>	8.00 pm
	More details on page 9	
Sunday 7 March	<u>"Sunday Card Drive"</u>	10.00 am
	Cost: \$6.00	
Sunday 14 March	<u>"DACWA BINGO"</u>	11.00 am
	Cost: Free Entry	
	More details on page 6	
Thursday 18 March	<u>"DJVV Meeting"</u>	Shop open
Sunday 21 March	<u>"Private Meeting – Swiss Club"</u>	
Sunday 28 March	<u>"Sunday Card Drive"</u>	10.00 am
	Cost: \$6.00	
Sunday 11 April	<u>"Sunday Brunch"</u>	10.00 am
	Cost: \$12.00	
	More details on page 11	
Sunday 2 May	<u>"Orange Day Celebrations"</u>	Noon
	Free entry.	
Saturday 8 May	<u>"Remembrance Day Get-to-Gether"</u>	
Sunday 9 May	<u>"Mothers Day Brunch"</u>	
Sunday 16 May	<u>"DACWA Craft & Flea Market"</u>	
Sunday 6 June	<u>"Sunday Card Drive"</u>	10.00 am

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For bookings of Private Members Parties or information that is not in this magazine, please phone:
Pieter Leeftang on: 9364 6703 or Ray Schaafsma on: 9455 4835

Costs for using the Clubhouse facilities are:

Use of Hall only	\$275.00 (Incl. GST)
Use of Lounge only	\$100.00 (Incl. GST)
Use of Kitchen	\$100.00 (Incl. GST)

News from your President / Magazine Editor

Dear Members,

First of all I have to inform you that our Treasurer Karel Nissen has resigned for health reasons.

All I can say at this stage is that all of us wish him and Ria well with their ongoing battle to get on top of this situation.

On a temporary basis the Treasurer's work is being done by Ray Schaafsma, And he will be assisted by our Assistant Treasurer, Henry Koldenhoven, whose main involvement are the handling all the cash, doing the banking etc. Ray's offer to assist has been gratefully accepted by the Committee.

Vacancy for Treasurer:

As the forgoing is only a very temporary solution we do need to find another Treasurer.

So we are looking for someone who has some bookkeeping experience, who is experienced in entering financial data in XL format into a computer program and present financial reports. About ninety-five percent of the required work can be done from home.

New Website:

However, it is not all gloom and doom as another milestone has been reached. We have finally done it. We have a new Neerlandia Website, it is:

www.dutchclubwa.com

Since we have appointed Lianna Parker as our Webmaster, we have taken the bold step to abolish the sadly neglected old website and opened our own and what is more important, we do have 100% control over it and we don't have to rely on someone outside the Committee.

Although our Website is still under construction, we are progressing in leaps and bounds and the very good news is *that we have placed our monthly magazine in full colour on this website.*

Members and other interested parties that would like to see the Neerlandia magazine in full colour (the photo's are brilliant) need a reasonable fast computer or have a bit of patience when you click on the link, as the



download is 8.3 MB, but the rewards are there for all to see.

Advertisers:

This also opens the door for more advertisers. Our distribution is no longer only 600 copies per issue but once the word goes out about our website, the exposure is unlimited and what's more important, the advertisement can be seen in full glorious colours. Despite the added exposure we have decided not to increase the advertising rates at this early stage.

Past and coming up events:

The last 2 months of 2009 were very hectic, but all events held in our clubhouse were very successful and we had close to capacity crowds and many highlights.

A special mention for John Zwartkruis, who took on the role of Sain Nicholas as if he was born in it. Thanks John. Also the "Zwarte Pieten" under the guidance of Gerry Creemers were excellent. Thanks to all of you.

This gives us confidence for our future and inside you will find reports on some of the events that were held as well as advertisement about upcoming events.

Members please show your support by attending these.

Membership Fees:

These are coming in thick and fast but many more are still outstanding. If you have not done so as yet, please send in your fees or pay them at the club to Irma van der kwast, Pieter Leeftang or Ray Schaafsma.

Clubhouse Improvements:

The Committee Members enjoyed a well-deserved break after the New Year's Celebrations, but a week or so later we were back at the clubhouse to do some essential maintenance, cleaning and redecorating, with the Lounge and Entry Hall receiving most of our attention.

We do want to create a more permanent, intimate Dutch atmosphere in the Lounge and we do ask our members to fully co-operate with the following:

If you have to remove any tablecloth or lamp shades for your activity in the Lounge, we do not have any problems with that, but please put them back as you found them. If you can remove them, you should be able to put them back.

The reason why we are concentrating on the Lounge will be clarified in the near future.

**Pieter Leeftang,
your President**

**Congratulations!!!!
The following
new members
joined the Dutch
Society Neerlandia**

**Tom Vanderveldt
Mia van den Ness
Carl Caubo
Ada Caubo
Dirk Verboon
Meike Edel-de Boer**

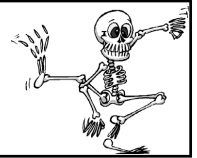


GET WELL SOON:

To those members who are not feeling too well, who are ill, injured or who are battling a severe illness, the Neerlandia Committee wish you all the very best and above all, a full and speedy recovery.



What a crazy world



Old Farmer's Advice:

Your fences need to be horse-high, pig-tight and bull-strong.
Keep skunks and bankers at a distance.
Life is simpler when you plow around the stump.
A bumble bee is considerably faster than a John Deere tractor.
Words that soak into your ears are whispered...not yelled.
Meanness don't just happen overnight.
Forgive your enemies; it messes up their heads.
Do not corner something that you know is meaner than you.
It doesn't take a very big person to carry a grudge.
You cannot unsay a cruel word.
Every path has a few puddles.
When you wallow with pigs, expect to get dirty.
The best sermons are lived, not preached.
Most of the stuff people worry about, ain't ever gonna happen anyway.
Don't judge folks by their relatives.
Remember that silence is sometimes the best answer.



Some days all you can do is smile and wait for some kind soul to come pull your ass out of the bind you've gotten yourself into.

Live a good, honourable life. Then when you get older and think back, you'll enjoy it a second time.
Don't interfere with something that ain't bothering you none.
Timing has a lot to do with the outcome of a rain dance.
If you find yourself in a hole, the first thing to do is stop digging.
The biggest troublemaker you'll probably ever have to deal with, watches you from the mirror every morning.
Always drink upstream from the herd.

Good judgment comes from experience and a lot of that comes from bad judgment.

Letting the cat out of the bag is a whole lot easier than putting it back in.

If you get to thinking you're a person of some influence, try ordering somebody else's dog around.

Don't pick a fight with an old man. If he is too old to fight, he'll just kill you.

Live simply. Love generously. Care deeply.

And when you quit laughing, you quit living.

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They walk amongst us!

One day I was walking down the beach with some friends when someone shouted.... 'Look at that dead bird!' Someone looked up at the sky and said...'Where?'

While looking at a house, my brother asked the estate agent which direction was north because he didn't want the sun waking him up every morning.

She asked, 'Does the sun rise in the north?'

My brother explained that the sun rises in the east and has for sometime.

She shook her head and said, 'Oh, I don't keep up with all that stuff.....'

My colleague and I were eating our lunch in our cafeteria, when we overheard an admin girl talking about the sunburn she got on her weekend drive to the beach. She drove down in a convertible, but said she "...didn't think she'd get sunburned because the car was moving"!

I was going out with a friend when we saw a woman with a nose ring attached to an earring by a chain.

My friend said, 'Ouch! The chain must rip out every time she turns her head!'

I had to explain that a person's nose and ear remain the same distance apart no matter which way the head is turned.

I couldn't find my luggage at the airport baggage area and went to the lost luggage office and reported the loss. The woman there smiled and told me not to worry because she was a trained professional and said I was in good hands.

"Now," she asked me, "Has your plane arrived yet?"...

While working at a pizza parlour I observed a man ordering a small pizza to go. He appeared to be alone and the cook asked him if he would like it cut into 4 pieces or 6. He thought about it for some time then said 'Just cut it into 4 pieces; I don't think I'm hungry enough to eat 6 pieces.'

Sunday Klaverjas Drives

De eerstvolgende Sunday Klaverjas Drives worden gehouden op Zondag 7 Maart en Zondag 28 March.(4 April is Easter)

Kosten: Maar \$6.00 per persoon.

Kom gezellig Klaverjassen voor Winkelbonnen in het Neerlandia Clubhuis. Lunch & Koffie zijn bij de toegangsprijs inbegrepen. Aanvang 11.00 uur precies.



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JONGE JENEVEER	\$49.00 PER LITER
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BEERENBURG	\$49.00 PER LITER
BESSEN JENEVEER	\$39.00 PER LITER
CITROEN BRANDEWIJN	\$39.00 PER LITER
KERSEN BRANDEWIJN	\$39.00 PER LITER
DIKKE ADVOCAT	\$29.00 per 700ml

AVAILABLE WHEN THE BAR IS OPEN:

DJVV 2nd Thursdays:	10.00 am—2.00 pm
Thursdays Evenings:	7.00 pm—10.30 pm
Organised Functions:	See page 2

PRE-ORDERED BOTTLES CAN ALSO BE COLLECTED WHEN THE SHOP IS OPEN

Every 2nd Tuesday from 10.00 am—12 noon
Every Wednesday from 11.00 am—1.00 pm



BOTTLES ALSO AVAILABLE EVERY FRIDAY from 10.00 am—1.00 pm

But phone 9381 3738 first on Fridays before coming out.

Sausage Sizzle & DVD Afternoon

On Sunday the 21st of February we will hold a Sausage Sizzle in our clubhouse.

Cost: Only a \$2.00 donation.

Your entry ticket will entitle you to a bun, 2 sausages and fried onions.

The Kitchen will be open as well for Tea and Coffee & Dutch “Appeltaart” and the usual Snacks at the standard prices.

We will show the award winning Bert Haanstra’s “Fanfare”, made in the Tourist town of Giethoorn, as well as a short musical DVD

For Catering Purposes please book your seat by contacting Ans van Alphen on 9342 6525

(between 9.00am-9.00 pm)



DUTCH AGED CARE (WA) INC

INVITES YOU TO A

BINGO AFTERNOON

Location: Neerlandia Club House
230 Cambridge Street
WEMBLEY

Date: Sunday 14th March 2010
Time: 11:00 am to 3:00 pm



B I N G O				
1	24	37	48	61
9	17	42	53	68
6	28	33	60	75
13	25	36	59	74
7	18	31	56	70

Admission free, you purchase a ticket to play
FOR BOOKINGS CONTACT THE DACWA OFFICE.
TELEPHONE: 9382 4186 or 9382 1983

THE KITCHEN WILL BE OPEN FOR LUNCH SNACKS
AND THE BAR FOR REFRESHMENTS

St Nicholas Celebrations



Saint Nicholas Brunch: Neerlandia once again showed initiative and for the first time ever we organised a “Sunday Sinterklaas Brunch”, which was held a week before the Children’s event.

Our reasoning was to let the adults enjoy St. Nicholas without having lots of small children around.

And once again we hit the Jackpot. Everyone in the packed hall seemed to enjoy themselves as the smiling faces in the above photograph show. Remembering all those St Nicholas



songs seem to be no problem either. Brunch was perfectly prepared and served by our kitchen volunteers. Finally the Saint arrived and besides the usual “pepernoten”, everyone received a small present.

All too soon it was time to go home again.



Some members did not want Saint Nicholas to recognise them. Scared of going into the bag??



Gerda & Henk Arts were called forward but their anxious looks soon disappeared when they were rewarded with a compliment and a nice present.

St Nicholas Celebrations for the Children:

On Sunday the 6th of December the annual celebration of Saint Nicholas’ Birthday was held at Neerlandia.

While the adults on arrival enjoyed a piece of Dutch “Appeltaart” and coffee and the children got stuck into an ice-cream, soft drinks and lollies.

Then, while everyone sang ‘Sinterklaasje kom maar binnen met je knecht’, Saint Nicholas and his Zwarte Pieten entered the hall.

After Lunch a Ventriloquist entertained the children while the adults enjoyed a quiet drink (or two). Then the Saint returned to hand out presents to the children and everyone went home tired but satisfied.

Another successful day at Neerlandia.

Pieter Leeftang.



Being called by St Nicholas can be a daunting experience, but a present soon brings out the smiles.





Lachen is gezond



Waarom zitten condooms in pakjes 3, 6 & 12:

Een man wandelt in een supermarkt (Albert Heyn) met zijn 8-jaar oude zoontje.

Toevallig lopen ze langs een condoom uitstalling en de jongen vraagt: "Wat zijn dat, Papa?"

Waarop de man heel kalm reageert: "Dat zijn condooms mijn jongen, mannen gebruiken die om veilig sex te hebben."

"Oh ja," zegt de jongen, "Ja dat heb ik gehoord in de sex klas op school."

Hij kijkt naar de uitstalling en pakt een pakje van 3 en vraagt: "Waarom zitten er 3 in dit pakje?"

De vader antwoordt: "Die zijn voor de jongens van de hogere school..Eén voor Vrijdag...Eén voor Zaterdag....en Eén voor Zondag."

"Cool.....," zegt de jongen.

Dan ziet hij een pakje van 6 en vraagt: "Voor wie zijn deze dan?"

"Die zijn voor universiteits studenten", antwoordt de vader, "Twee voor Vrijdag...Twee voor Zaterdag... en Twee voor Zondag."

"WOW!" zegt de jongen, en vraagt: "voor wie zijn deze dan," terwijl hij een pakje van 12 oppakt!

Met een zucht en een traan in zijn oog, antwoordt de vader: "Die zijn voor de getrouwde mannen. Eén voor Januari....Eén voor Februari... Eén voor Maart....Eén voor April....."

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Slimme Belg:

Een Belg besluit te gaan zwemmen in een meertje in de buurt.

Hij neemt een emmer mee, zodat hij op de terugweg wat fruit kan plukken.

Als hij het meertje nadert, hoort hij hoge stemmen en gegiechel.

Als hij dichterbij komt ziet hij dat een stelletje jonge vrouwen naakt aan het zwemmen zijn.

De vrouwen krijgen hem in het oog en roepen verontwaardigd: "Wij komen er pas uit als u weg bent."

"Niks aan de hand hoor," zegt hij, "Ik ben geen gluurder, ik ben zo weer weg."

Hij houdt de emmer omhoog en voegt er aan toe: "Ik kwam alleen even de krokodil voeren."

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Niet zo'n slimme Belg:

Riiiiing, Kinderstemmetje: 'Hallo!'

"Dag liefje, Papa hier, is Mama thuis?"

"Nee, Papa. Ze is boven in de slaapkamer met nonkel Frank."

Na een korte pauze zegt Papa: "Maar je hebt geen nonkel Frank, liefje!"

"O jawel, ik heb er wel één en hij is nu boven in de

slaapkamer met mama!"

"Euh, oké, dan. Ik wil dat je dit even voor me doet. Leg de telefoon neer, ren naar boven en klop op de slaapkamerdeur en roep: "Mama en Oom Frank, Papa's auto is juist voor het huis gestopt."

"Ok, Papa!"

Enkele minuten later neemt het meisje de telefoon weer op.

"Zo, Papa, ik heb gedaan wat je vroeg."

"En wat gebeurde er?" vraagt hij.

"Wel, Mama werd plotseling erg bang, ze sprong zonder kleren uit het bed en liep schreeuwend rond, dan struikelde ze over het tapijt en vloog uit 't raam aan de voorkant en nu kan ze niet meer overeind komen."

"Jezus!! En wat gebeurde er met Oom Frank?"

"Hij sprong uit het bed, ook zonder kleren aan en hij keek ook erg angstig en sprong het raam uit aan de achterkant zo het zwembad in.

Maar hij zal niet geweten hebben dat je vorige week al het water eruit hebt gehaald voor de reparaties, dus hij viel op de grond van het zwembad en ligt nu ook heel erg stil."

Lange pauze

Dan zegt de Papa: "Zwembad ??? Mon Dieu, verkeerd nummer."

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Dag Mam:

Een jonge man merkt in een supermarkt op dat een klein oud dametje maar om hem heen hangt.

Als hij stilstaat staat zij ook stil, en ze bekijkt hem voortdurend. Tenslotte spreekt ze hem aan.

"Ik hoop dat ik je niet lastig val, maar je lijkt zo ontzettend op mijn overleden zoon."

Hij antwoordt: "Het geeft niet."

"Ik weet dat het gek is, maar zou je, als ik de winkel verlaat tegen me roepen: Dag Mam? Je zou me zo gelukkig maken."

Ze gaat de winkel uit en als ze langs de kassa loopt roept de man: "Dag Mam."

Het oude dametje zwaait en lacht naar hem.

Blij dat hij haar een pleziertje kon doen gaat hij zijn boodschappen afrekenen.

"Dat is € 121.85," zegt de juffrouw aan de kassa.

"Hoe kan dat nou zoveel zijn, ik heb maar 5 dingen."

Cassière: "Ja, maar uw moeder zei dat u haar boodschappen ook zou afrekenen."

Moraal van het verhaal: Vertrouw nooit te vriendelijke oude dametjes!!!



Upcoming event in March



The Carnivals Club 'The Sandgropers'



Our Prins Bram 1st invites you to his very special



'Carnaval Bal'

Floorshows for your enjoyment.

Date: Saturday 6th March 2010
Venue: Dutch Club Neerlandia
230 Cambridge St WEMBLEY
Time: Doors open at 7.00 pm
Entertainment begins at 8 pm

Music:
Back for Carnival
Popular "Gerry v. Sambeck"
formerly of Take 2.

Plus:
DJ fill-ins.
Carnaval Music for
the entire evening.

The kitchen open:

All your favourite

*Dutch snacks & more
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Bar open:

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Dutch Drinks & more

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Bookings: Henny 94546879.

Tickets are \$12 per person.

Dont forget to ask for your favourite table.

Answering machine avail.

Pls leave name & number.



DE NEERLANDIA WINKEL

Levensmiddelen en allerlei lekkernijen uit Nederland



- Bitterballen, Kroketten & Rookworst van Kasteel & van Wees
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- Leidse & Goudse Kaas
- Zoute haring & Gerookte Makreel (*momenteel niet verkrijgbaar*)
- Ontbijtkoek, Gember Koek en Candij Koek
- Groenten in glas en in blik
- Zoute Drop, Stroopwafels, Gesorteerde Koekjes & Beschuit
- Gestampte Muisjes, Hagelslag, Fruithagel & Chocolade Vlokken
- Amandel Koeken, Kano's, Amsterdammers & Speculaas

De Neerlandia Winkel is open op de volgende dagen:

Elke Woensdag	van 10.00 am - 1.00 pm
Dinsdag (non - DJVV week)	van 11.00 am - noon
Donderdags (DJVV week - see page 2)	van 11.00 am - 2.00 pm
Elke Donderdag avond	van 10.00 pm - 11.00 pm
Iedere Vrijdag	van 10.00 am-1.00 pm, maar bel eerst even. Tel: 9381 3738



**De Neerlandia winkel is bemand door vrijwilligers en daarom moeten de
bovenstaande tijden een beetje ruim genomen worden**

Christmas Carols at Neerlandia

DUTCH SINGERS INC.

The last couple of months of the old year have been very busy for our Choir, with rehearsals and Saint Nicholas and Christmas Concerts sometimes 3 times per week.



The culmination was our Christmas Concert in our Dutch Club Neerlandia.

The hall was nicely decorated and fully booked and everyone was in good spirits.

This year we had a little variety in our program, we had a quintet of string instrument players: Katie and



Christine Reitzenstein, daughters of choir members and 3 of their grandchildren, Emma, Tom and James. They played very well and the audience loved them.



One of our soloists John AufdemKampen (from the Jordaan) brought tears to some people's eyes with his rendition of an old carol from the Jordaan: "Als alle lichtjes weer branden gaan".

Our very professional pianist Hazel Potts, accompanied it all and also had to play during the community singing, so she did not have much time for a cuppa, let alone anything else. We do appreciate our pianist very much though.



Our Choir was ably conducted by Matty Mentz, who worked very hard to get us to the standard we are at. She works tirelessly all year round and due to her effort, this concert was a resounding success.

A generous donation was made to Dutch Aged Care and the Dutch Radio, who were very appreciative of our Christmas gift to them.

The Choir is in recess at the moment and will commence rehearsals again on February 6. The first three months are already booked with concerts, so it looks like another busy year ahead. Our members are very dedicated and I guess it shows in our performances. WELL DONE

The above article was submitted by Gerry Creemers and the pictures by Vera Horsten. Close to two hundred people were once again enthralled by a quality performance and everyone is looking forward to a repeat next year. (P.L. Editor)

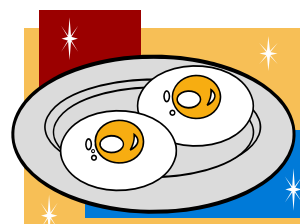
**OUR NEXT BRUNCH WILL BE HELD ON
SUNDAY THE 11TH OF APRIL AT 10.00 AM**



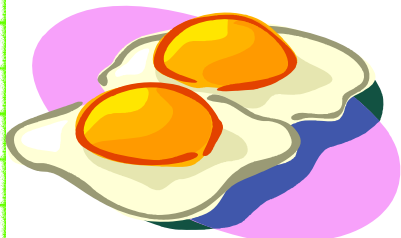
Brunch

Sunday 11 April

Come and Join us at Neerlandia for this hearty "Brunch". Enjoy an "Uitsmijter" and all sorts of other Dutch Goodies. Unlimited Coffee, Tea and Orange Juice.



**Celebrate a Birthday with your family.
Invite your friends or ask your Social Club
to attend the Sunday Brunch.**



Our Brunch is good value!

Adults: \$12.00

Children: \$6.00

**For catering purposes, pre-payment is necessary
when you make your booking.**

**Contacts: Ans van Alphen on 9342 6525 (9 am– 9 pm)
and from 17 February to 24 March
Riki Schaafsma on: 9455 4835**

The pre-payment options are:

- *Send your Cheque or Money Order by mail to Neerlandia, PO Box 200, WEMBLEY WA 6913*
- *Pass on your credit or debit card details over the phone.*
- *Come to the Clubhouse on any Friday between 10.00 am and 1.00 pm and pay by credit card or cash.*

New Year at Neerlandia on the 3rd of January

New Year's Celebration:

Instead of holding the traditional new Year's Eve Dance, we are now celebrating the start of the year on the first Sunday of the year and we were rewarded for our initiative with a full Hall. When everyone arrived they were treated with a cup of coffee and a few Appelbeignets (Appelflappen), which took our Kitchen Volunteers most of the previous day to prepare.



We started the show with a DVD on the beautiful countryside and towns of Gelderland. This was followed by a light Lunch consisting of a "Broodje Croquet", Chips and Salad.- As usual the bar was open and most people made



Members and guest are waiting for the DVD show to start.

most of the opportunity to order a light or Dutch beer and an "Advocaatje" for the ladies. Soon it was time for the main DVD event and that took us to Maastricht. After an hour or so, platters with Dutch "Rookworst" and Cheese were placed on the tables to create a bit of a party atmosphere and low and behold, before very long quite a few were dancing the polonaise right throughout the main hall. It is very heartening to see our members not only supporting our efforts but also enjoying themselves. Dutch visitors Jan & Gerda from Wieringerwerf in the Wieringermeer, remarked afterwards what an eye- opener it was to witness first hand what is going on in our Neerlandia Club and they wish us well with our long-term future. Many thanks to all the volunteers, who did all the work in the kitchen, behind the bar and at the door and set up the hall on the previous day. The next DVD show will be the Dutch Film "Fanfare" in February.

Pieter Leeftang.



Joke van der Peppel on the right with Dutch visitors Jan Molleman and Gerda Hageman, who were her former neighbours in the Netherlands before she left in 1983



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Dear Readers,

First of all on behalf of ANSWA we wish all our readers a prosperous 2010.

Maybe just as well we do not know what is in store for us during the coming year, but it pays to be positive and always look on the bright side of things and with that outlook it is more likely that everything you wish for and hope will fall into place and your wishes may come true.

ANSWA has been reasonably inactive over the last few years, which could possibly be due to the fact that the people that are still interested in ANSWA and attend the occasional meetings, all lead a very busy lifestyles and unless they are very hard pressured, they find it almost impossible to find additional energy or time to lift ANSWA out of its doldrums.

Add to that the resignation of independent people like the Rietvelds, after all they were a driving force behind ANSWA; and you have a good explanation for the current inactivity.

Having said that, a lot of the day-to-day activities that were ANSWA business, are presently being looked after very successfully by the Dutch Society Neerlandia.

But of course members of the ANSWA Committee are heavily involved with the Remembrance Day Ceremony, which is held each year in May at the Dutch Annex of the Australian War Cemetery in Smyth Road, Nedlands.

This year it will be no different and planning for the event in May has already started and more details will be published in the coming months in this magazine. The date has already been set and the event will be held on Saturday the 8th of May.

This brings me to another event that has declined dramatically during the last decade. That is the participation by Dutch Ex-service people in the Anzac Day.

This event has been boycotted for quite some years by the Dutch Ex-Service Associations to such extend that they will not even submit forms to the RSL for a permit to march!

Some well meaning Dutch people associated with Neerlandia have during the last few years tried to keep the Dutch contingent going, but it has now reached the point of no return and Neerlandia as such will no longer get involved in ANZAC Day.

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Member of your ANSWA Committee.



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Een Belg komt langs een viaduct waaronder een vrachtwagen vast zit.

Hij zegt tegen de Nederlandse chauffeur: "Ik geloof dat ik je kan helpen. Als je een beetje lucht uit de banden laat lopen kun je misschien toch nog er onderdoor."

"Stomme Belg," mompeld de chauffeur. "Ik zit niet van onder vast maar van boven."

Sam gaat biechten.

"Toen ik nog klein was, bad ik vaak om een nieuwe fiets," zegt hij tegen de Pastoor. "Later realiseerde ik me, dat het op die manier natuurlijk niet werkt. Daarom heb ik nu maar een fiets gestolen en hoop ik maar, dat Onze Lieve Heer me wil vergeven."

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There is no question that The Great Southland was added to the world map in 1606 with Duyfken's recorded charting of Northern Queensland's coast.

There can be no question that Dirck Hartogh



Dirk Hartog, a Dutch navigator, marked his arrival in Australia in 1616 by attaching an inscribed pewter plate to a post at what is now Dirk Hartog Island. Hartog was the first European to land in Western Australia.

landed on an island west of Shark Bay and left a pewter plate as evidence of his visit - in 1616. Then in 1697, Willem de Vlamingh added his plate on the same post, acknowledging his predecessor and taking the original plate with him.

There is no doubt that by 1644, the North Coast, West Coast and part of the South Coast had been charted by the Dutch and then Abel Tasman did his bit and named van Diemensland (Tasmania).

And all this more than a century before James Cook made his landing in 1770.

So where does that leave Captain Cook in all this?

In an excellent position for the great navigator he was, because no one can deprive him of the honour of discovering the East Coast and claiming it for the English Crown.

A note from his journal says it very clearly: *"[since I] may land no more upon this Eastern coast of New Holland, and on the Western side I can make no new discovery the honour of which belongs to the Dutch navigators and as such they may lay Claim to it as their property.* (Journal, 22 August 1770 p 387, n. 4 Bill Gammage - University of Adelaide, p 525)

In order to be a great navigator, one had to have

integrity and like Joseph Banks, he fully recognised the preceding history.

Banks went as far as pre-facing his book with acknowledging the Dutch but he was persuaded by Robert Peel to remove that part of his preface.

If nothing else, this shows the contrast between the politician (Peel was the Under Secretary of the Colonies) - and Banks a scientist with integrity. Now there is an opportunity to merge the bits of history into one and claim it as OUR Australian history.

The first 154 years was a period that shipwreck survivors found themselves on what could be likened to a moonscape in modern times, without a return ticket.

There is more than enough anecdotal evidence that these survivors received sustenance from the native population, who were nonplussed with these beings that came from the sea - and believed to be the spirits of ancestors - and nurtured as such.

Many of these survivors owed their lives to the native population - a race that lived in harmony with the land.

Unfortunately, the natives had no written history and it is therefore more difficult to retrieve historical fact in the conventional manner. But there is nothing wrong with 'anecdotal stories'. A mixture of oral and written history is quite unique.

The academics class this as circumstantial evidence and is therefore not conclusive. Poppycock, offenders in a court of law have ended up behind bars on less circumstantial evidence than we have about the VOC survivors mixing in with the native people.

Beyond "reasonable doubt" would be fairer in this case. We know they landed here without a means of returning home. We know that they stayed here for some time and it is more than likely that their stay produced offspring. We do not know what ultimately happened.

Only genetics can throw light on this that may ultimately prove whether or not there was mixed blood that came from one or more of the four ships; Batavia 1629, Vergulde Draeck 1656, Zuytdorp 1712 and Zeewijck 1727.

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Thomas Vanderveldt

President

VOC Historical Society Inc.

Nederlanders in buitenland gaan eerder dood:

Nederlandse reizigers en expats lopen een grotere kans om te overlijden dan thuisblijvers.

Met name het Midden-Oosten en Afrikaanse landen zijn risicogebieden. Dit blijkt uit onderzoek van het Havenziekenhuis in Rotterdam. Hartfalen en ongelukken zijn de belangrijkste doodsoorzaken.

Volgens het onderzoek is het risico op overlijden in België het kleinst (0,028 sterfgeval per 100.000) en in Kenia het grootst (12,18 op de 100.000).

Gezondheidswetenschapper Arina Groenheide zegt dat Nederlanders bijna 20 keer zoveel kans hebben om dood te gaan in Oost-Mediterrane gebieden, in landen als Marokko, Egypte, Afghanistan en Jordanië - als in Europa.

‘In Afrika is de sterfkans ruim 16 keer zo groot, met infecties als een van de belangrijkste oorzaken.

In Zuidoost-Azië loopt men 9 keer meer kans om te overlijden. Infecties zijn ook in dat gebied een belangrijke doodsoorzaak voor landgenoten.’

Wereldwijd zijn hartfalen en ongelukken de belangrijkste doodsoorzaken onder Nederlanders, gevolgd door kanker, infecties en psychische

lager ligt, kan Groenheide niet zeggen. Het komt volgens haar niet doordat er minder ouderen of vrouwen naar het buitenland gaan. ‘Denk maar aan de groep gepensioneerd Nederlanders die naar het buitenland gaan om ergens te overwinteren.’

Geen centrale registratie.

Groenheide wendde zich in eerste instantie voor cijfers tot de Nederlandse ambassades, maar kwam er al snel achter dat Nederland geen centrale registratie bijhoudt van doodsoorzaken van landgenoten buiten de grenzen.

Ze heeft daarom een enquête gehouden onder huisartsen in Nederland. Ruim 1800 artsen deden mee aan het onderzoek.

‘Op zich houden huisartsen geen aparte registratie bij van patiënten die in het buitenland overlijden. Maar aangezien het voor een huisarts opmerkelijk is als een van zijn patiënten in het buitenland overlijdt, konden ze naar aanleiding van hun ervaringen onze vragen beantwoorden. De doelgroep die dus in dit onderzoek aan bod komt, bestaat uit Nederlandse reizigers, pensionado's, overwinteraars en expats die voor een paar jaar naar het buitenland vertrekken en contact houden met hun Nederlandse huisarts.’

‘Door dit onderzoek kunnen we reisadviezen naar de betreffende regio's en landen nu verder verfijnen. Daardoor kunnen reizigers en expats de risico's die zij in het buitenland lopen, beter inschatten. En dat is winst’, meent Groenheide.

Medisch risico.

Anke van Nieuwenhuizen, woordvoerder van alarmcentrale SOS International, zegt dat de landen die in het onderzoek genoemd worden ook voor SOS International onder de risicolanden vallen.

‘Maar men moet een land als China of Rusland ook niet onderschatten als zijnde medisch riskant. In landen als Nigeria is de lokale medische behandeling ook niet altijd afdoende, hoewel de expat gemeenschap daar zo groot is dat er wel goede structuren en instanties zijn om dit op te vangen.’

Ook vindt Van Nieuwenhuizen

het belangrijk om rekening te houden met zowel de gezondheidstoestand van de patiënt bij vertrek. ‘Het is bijvoorbeeld in het algemeen voor niet stabiele psychiatrische patiënten af te raden om naar het buitenland te reizen.

Hieronder vallen ook mensen die overspannen zijn, aan wie nogal eens geadviseerd wordt er even tussenuit te gaan.’

Als mensen met psychische problemen in het buitenland overlijden, is er vaak sprake van zelfmoord.

Door: Vanessa Deij

(Overgenomen uit de Wereldkrant)



Begraafplaats in Nederland

(Foto via Flickr/Patrick Rasenberg)

problemen.

Opmerkelijk is dat de levensverwachting van Nederlanders in den vreemde een stuk lager ligt. In Nederland is de gemiddelde leeftijd bij overlijden 76,4, in het buitenland ligt die 20 jaar lager (56,1 jaar).

Met name mannen lopen een groter risico om in het buitenland te overlijden. Ruim 70 procent van de overlijdensgevallen in andere werelddelen betreft mannen. ‘Een mogelijke oorzaak dat meer Nederlandse mannen dan vrouwen in het buitenland overlijden, is dat ze roekelozer zijn’, zegt Groenheide. Waarom de gemiddelde leeftijd bij overlijden zo veel



Een nieuw jaar en ondanks dat we u allen al een voorspoedig, gelukkig en gezond nieuwjaar hebben gewenst via ons radio programma op 3 januari, willen we dat via dit artikel nogmaals doen.

We willen ook die luisteraars bedanken, die ons gedurende de feestdagen Kerst en Nieuwjaarsgroeten hebben gezonden en hopelijk begrijpt u dat we niet iedereen persoonlijk kunnen beantwoorden maar dat wij het zeer op prijs hebben gesteld.

Een nieuw jaar en wat staat ons allemaal te wachten.

Allereerst heten wij een nieuwe omroepster, Margaret Baltes, welkom die het team van Dutch Community Radio heeft versterkt en u heeft haar al een aantal malen kunnen horen via onze uitzendingen op zondag. Margaret is geboren in Australië nadat haar ouders naar hier emigreerden in 1952. Zij heeft daarna zo'n 30 jaar in Nederland gewoond, waar zij haar echtgenoot Bert heeft leren kennen en rond 2000 emigreerde Margaret met Bert en inmiddels 2 kinderen naar Australië.

Aangezien de kinderen inmiddels de pubertijd bijna achter de rug hebben, heeft zij meer tijd gekregen om andere dingen te doen. Vorig jaar besloot zij zich in te zetten voor de Nederlandse gemeenschap en werd zij gekozen als bestuurslid van Dutch Society Neerlandia en toonde ook interesse in Dutch Community Radio.

Aangezien Jenny en ik een vakantietrip hebben gepland voor later dit jaar zijn wij reuze blij dat er iemand is die, met behulp van anderen, het programma over kan nemen. Nogmaals van harte welkom, Margaret.

De maand mei wordt weer een drukke maand, met een aantal evenementen waar Dutch Community Radio bij betrokken zal zijn. Op 2 mei zal het programma gewijd zijn aan Koninginnedag en de 5 mei viering, de 55^{ste} verjaardag van de bevrijding van Nederland na de tweede wereldoorlog.

Een week later schenken we aandacht aan



dodenherdenking, de jaarlijkse bijeenkomst op de Nederlandse Oorlogs Begraafplaats, de annex van de War Cemetery in Karrakatta. De reden dat het dit jaar een week later is dan gewoonlijk, ligt in het feit dat we graag de Nederlandse Consul Generaal als vertegenwoordiger van de Nederlandse regering bij de herdenkingsdienst aanwezig willen hebben. Vanwege de vol bezette agenda van de Consul, was het niet mogelijk om de ceremonie een week eerder te houden. Uiteraard proberen we een interview met de Consul te hebben.

Naast de bovengenoemde

activiteiten is het dat weekend ook Moederdag en ook voor de moeders hebben we altijd een speciaal gedeelte in het programma.

Een week later, op zondag 16 mei, organiseert DACWA een "Craft & Flea Market" in het Neerlandia Clubhuis. Het bestuur van DACWA heeft Dutch Community Radio gevraagd om op die dag de radio uitzending vanuit het clubgebouw van Neerlandia te verzorgen. Ook dat vergt nogal wat organisatie. Allereerst moet de apparatuur beschikbaar zijn en getransporteerd en opgezet worden. Aangezien we voorbereid moeten zijn op aanvragen voor een verzoeknummer uit het publiek, moeten alle CD's worden ingepakt en meegenomen naar het clubgebouw en dat zijn er meer dan 850.

Medewerkers moeten aanwezig kunnen zijn, zowel op locatie in het Neerlandia clubhuis, maar ook in de radiostudio van 6EBA, om eventueel over te nemen als er iets mis gaat met de verbinding tussen clubgebouw en studio. Het nieuws moet vanuit de studio worden gelezen, want de luisteraars in de zaal zijn alleen maar geïnteresseerd in muziek. Kortom een hele organisatie.

Rest mij nog u er nogmaals op attent te maken dat u via onze website het nieuws van radio Nederland Wereldomroep kunt lezen.

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NEWS FROM THE MORLEY-WINDMILLS SPORTS CLUB INC. AS WELL AS THE SOCCER CLUB INC.

Hi all.

Another Year has gone by and what a year it has been. For myself it has been a good one all around and I hope that next year will be just as good and then I will not have anything to complain about.

For the Windmill Club it has been a topsy-turvy year. The Sports Club has had plenty of functions, but due to the new laws being enforced by the Department of Liquor and Gaming, whereby everyone working behind the bar now must have a certificate, it is very hard to get volunteers.

So it is left to only a few to do all the work and presently this is only Wilma Moesker and she is doing a good job. The Morley Ladies Darts are still going strong and they are hoping to increase their membership by two more teams for next year.

They had their end of the year wind-up on the 5th of December. Lets hope it was as good if not better than last year's event.

In the soccer we did not do much better. In the Night Series we started off well but finished nowhere.

In the main competition we did not do much better, we started off well with five wins, then lost the next five matches, then win one and lost one.

Then trouble started with me resigning, the coach and manager were sacked when we were away on a wildflower tour.

The team finished the year with winning the next three games and loosing the last two. So instead of finishing fourth we finished up in seventh position, which was very disappointing.

Then came our A.G.M. and seeing as there was no one to chair the meeting Mr John Aufdemkampen was asked to come in and chair the meeting and he did a good job. Thank you John.

The meeting went well until it was time for the elections of officers.

Two nominations for President had been received and they were both withdrawn.

After a long debate it was Mr Harry Dols who came up with a solution, which was accepted by all present.

The new Morley-Windmills Sports Club and the Morley-Windmills Soccer Club Committee is now as follows:

President	Mr Harry Dols
Vice-President	Mr Karl Hofstee
Chief Executive Officer/Sponsors	Mr Karl Hofstee

Secretary/Recorder
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Committee Members

Ms Wilma Moesker

Ms Wilma Moesker

Mr Karl Hofstee

Mr Jacob Aufdemkampen

To be advised

Mr Ian Gallagher

Mr Mark Dols

Mr John Rogerson

Mr John Aufdemkampen

Mr Wout Moesker

A lot of work will have to be done by those people, but with some good and positive action the club should be on track in no time.

The year 2010.

Hope you all had a good start to the New Year. We at Morley-Windmills did not. Over the Christmas and New Year holyday period our cool room decided to pack it in and with everyone on holidays, we could not find anyone to fix it. So it was just as well that we did not have a great deal on at the club as far as functions were concerned and those members that did come in for a drink were very understandable. But everything is up and running again and lets hope it will last.

In February we should be back in full swing again, with the Ladies Darts Club starting and of course a few upcoming functions.

Soccer training should also be in full swing for the Football West Night series, which starts in mid February, all games will be played at Forrestfield home ground in Hale Road, Forrestfield.

Our new coach Mr Peter Johnston, one of our ex players from the 1970's and his assistant Mr Jimmy Pierson will have a big job ahead of them as most of the players and coaches from last season have left the club. for personal reasons. So they are starting from scratch with nothing much to work with except some very good and promising youngsters.

But I am sure that we will have a compatible team, with the Night Series being used to blend a good team together with the players we have got for the 2010 season which start in April.

Last but not least on behalf of myself and everyone at the Morley-Windmills sports and soccer club we wish everyone at Neerlandia A PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR.

Till next time,

Karl Hofstee.

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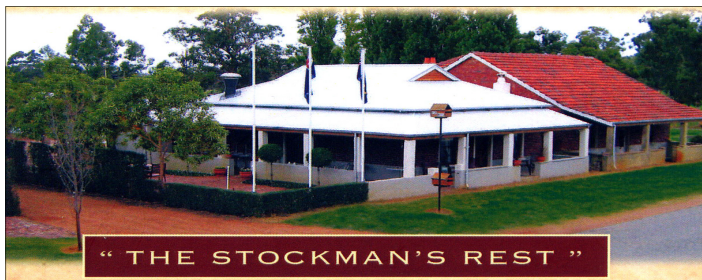
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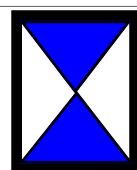
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Zwolle is a municipal and capital city of the province of Overijssel. With about 116,000 inhabitants, the city is situated on the Zwarte Water, a small river which joins the river IJssel.

Archaeological findings indicate that the area surrounding Zwolle has been inhabited for a long time. A wood henge that was found in the Zwolle-Zuid suburb in 1993 was dated to the Bronze Age period.

During the Roman era, the area was inhabited by Salian Franks.

HISTORY:

The modern city was founded around 800 A.D. by Frisian merchants and troops of Charlemagne. The name Zwolle is derived from the word Suolle, which means "hill" (cf. the English cognate verb "to swell"). This refers to an incline in the landscape between the four rivers surrounding the city, IJssel, Vecht, Aa and Zwarte Water. The hill was the only area of land that would remain dry during the frequent flooding of the rivers. Zwolle was established on that incline.

On August 31, 1230, the bishop of Utrecht granted Zwolle city rights. Zwolle became a member of the Hanseatic league in 1294, and in 1361 joined the war between the Hanseatic League and Valdemar IV of Denmark.

In July 1324 and in October 1361, regional noblemen set fire to Zwolle. In the 1324 fire, only nine buildings escaped the flames.

In the 1370 Treaty of Stralsund that ended the war, Zwolle was awarded a trade colony in Scania, Sweden.

Zwolle was in the 14th and 15th century, with the city of Deventer, one of the centres for the Brethren of the Common Life, a monastic movement. Three miles from Zwolle, on a slight eminence called the Agnietenberg, (hill of St Agnes), once stood the Augustinian convent in which Thomas à Kempis spent the greatest part of his life and died there in 1471.

Thomas à Kempis or Thomas van Kempen (see picture right), was the author of "De imitatio Christi" (Imitation of Christ), this book is after the Holy Bible the most translated and sold book in the world. The relics of Thomas à Kempis are situated since 2006 in the "Onze Lieve Vrouwe ten Hemelopneming-basilica" (Our Lady Ascension basilica).



BLAUWVINGERS



Citizens of Zwolle are colloquially known as *Blauwvingers* (Bluefingers). This dates back to a local legend that the local authorities were one day strapped for cash and saw no option but to sell church bells to neighbouring city Kampen. To make sure Kampen did not make too much profit from the deal, the local authorities asked a high price for the church bells. Kampen agreed to the deal, on the condition that they could choose their own way of paying for the church bells. Zwolle consented, and Kampen paid the full amount in copper coins of four *duiten* (the equivalent of 2-and-a-half cents). Because of their distrust, Zwolle wanted to be sure Kampen had truly

paid the entire price. The local authorities therefore counted the money until their fingers had turned blue from the copper.

The Sassenpoort is one of the oldest city gates dating from the 15th century, the old city walls, the Mosterdmakerstoren (at the Mosterdmakerstoren mustard used to be made), the old town hall built in 1448, a guild-house (1571) and a Dominican monastery. — (see picture right)

ECONOMY:

Zwolle's golden age came in the 15th century. Between 1402 and 1450, the city's Gross Regional Product multiplied about six times.

At least as early as 1911, Zwolle had a considerable trade by river, a large fish market, and the most important cattle market in The Netherlands after Rotterdam. The more important industries comprised cotton manufactures, iron works, boat-building, dyeing and bleaching, tanning, rope-making, and salt-making.



ZWOLLE– the capital of Overijssel

Zwolle is the economic and cultural centre of an extensive region which takes in parts of Drenthe, the Veluwe and the adjoining Northeast Polder. It has many local government and other offices, higher educational establishments and important commercial houses. Its cattle market, one of the largest in the Netherlands, is of more than regional importance. Zwolle is also a considerable industrial town (vehicle assembly, engineering, foodstuffs, building materials, textiles, woodworking, leather-working and chemicals).



St. Michael's church

An early document mentions the existence of a parish church dedicated to St Michael. That church, the Grote or Sint Michaëlskerk (the large or Saint Michael church), was renovated in the first half of the 15th century and exists to this day. The church contains a richly carved pulpit, the work of Adam Straes van Weilborch (about 1620), some good carving and an exquisite organ (1721).

Besides the Grote of Sint Michaëlskerk, The Roman Catholic Onze Lieve Vrouwe ten Hemelopneming-basilica (Our Lady Ascension basilica) and its church tower, the Peperbus (Peppermill) there are several other historic monuments in Zwolle.

De Librije, (see photo right) is a restaurant and is located in the former library of a 15th century Dominican abbey hence the name "De Librije". The chef de cuisine is Jonnie Boer and his wife Thérèse Boer-Tausch is hostess and viticulturist. The couple, who both already worked in the restaurant, bought the establishment in 1992. That same year the restaurant received its first Michelin star. The second star followed in 1999, and the restaurant has three stars since 2004. It is currently one of two restaurants in the Netherlands with three Michelin stars, the other being Oud Sluis in Sluis. In 2007 and again in 2008, the restaurant received a score of 19.5 and became Restaurant of the Year in the Dutch edition of Gault Millau.



TOURISM:

It boasts a beautiful city centre with historic buildings, canals and the remainders of an old city wall. But Zwolle



Diezerstraat

has more to offer than just historic landmarks. The city is also rich in art and culture. It has two large theatre locations, 'Odeon' and 'De Spiegel', as well as a small narrative theatre and unique cinema. The Zwolle art route takes visitors along the city's numerous studios and galleries, and art lovers will also find plenty to enjoy at the Stedelijk Museum and Museum de Fundatie. Zwolle shops offer a great variety, with charming shopping streets in the centre, where large chain stores alternate with small speciality shops. There are also plenty of culinary delights to be found in and around the centre, ranging from top restaurants like 'De Librije' to bistros and cafés. During the annual 'Culinary Zwolle' event, reputable restaurants from Zwolle and the

surrounding area present their specialities to the public amidst a festive ambiance.

The municipality of Zwolle feels very strongly about the nature found in and around the city. Not only will you find plenty of green spaces, but the municipality also maintains its natural beauty in an innovative fashion. Zwolle was voted the 'greenest' city in Europe during the 'Entente Florale' horticultural competition in 2006. According to the jury, Zwolle provides plenty of options when it comes to recreation and tourism in a natural environment.

With nearly eighty thousand jobs, Zwolle is also an excellent source of employment. Most jobs are found in the health and care industry, public administration and business services. The ICT and logistics sectors are also well developed and have the potential to continue growing. The employed population of Zwolle is younger than the overall Dutch average. Zwolle has more than thirty thousand intermediate vocational and higher vocational students, many of whom also find their first job here.

Compiled by Lou Dingjan with information from the internet

NEERLANDIA COMPUTER LESSONS

Is there a need to improve your basic Computer skills or brush up on specific areas such as sending E-mails, writing letters, sending photo's, keeping simple accounts or do you have general computer problems?

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He will give free advise or invite you to participate in a few lessons in our



Clubhouse or find other solutions for your problems.

This service is free for our Members, but we do charge for a cup of Coffee

De Handwerk Club:

Het jaar is weer omgevlogen, gewoon niet te geloven dat onze feestdagen weer achter ons liggen en we denken: "Wat zal ons het nieuwe jaar brengen".

Maar we hopen en wensen "het beste".

Ons Clubje gaat 9 Februari weer beginnen.

Wat heel erg jammer is dat elk jaar we meer dames verliezen die het bijeenkomen opgeven.

Wij zitten ook al in ons 27ste jaar en hebben het altijd reuze gezellig gevonden om samen een paar gezellige uurtjes bijeen te zijn met een kopje koffie, een koekje en een handwerkje en natuurlijk ook een praatje.

Wie we wel zullen missen is Jannie onze koffie lady en wij bedanken haar ook voor de lunches die wij samen verzorgd hebben.

Nu brengen wij een sandwich mee en om twaalf uur word er toch een kopje thee of koffie geschonken.

Tegen één uur breken wij dan toch maar op.

Alex is er altijd in het Winkeltje om ons wat Nederlandse artikelen te verkopen en we hopen dat we het nog wat tijd kunnen volhouden.

Als er soms nog dames zijn die elke tweede Dinsdag soms een paar gezellige uurtjes naar ons Clubje willen komen met een handwerkje of een gezellig praatje, ze zijn van harte welkom.

Zij kunnen mij bellen thuis op: 9387 6217.

Aan allen de beste wensen voor het Nieuwe Jaar van,

Lies Baggen

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Do you know this person:

We received the following request from the Dutch Television Show: "TROS VERMIST" to trace a missing person. Editor.

I'm looking for information about a Mr. ROELOF GLAS

He was born in Medina in 1959.

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If you have any information, please be so kind to e-mail us at vermist@tros.nl

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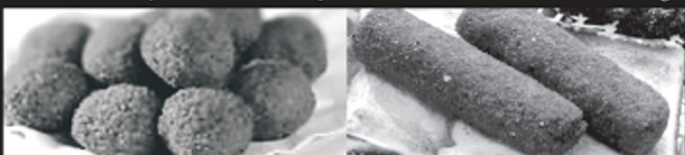
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Card Club Neerlandia:

The results of the last card competitions held in 2009 were announced on Thursday the 17th of December. At the end of that evening all the members were presented with a Christmas parcel.

This parcel consisted of a bag full of all those nice things to eat and drink or give away that makes Christmas such an enjoyable time all around.

It was also the last card evening for the year 2009, as the club and its members enjoy a 5 week break over the holiday period and they resumed playing again on Thursday the 21st of January 2010.

The Winners were:

Klaverjassen:

1st Prize	Ad Liebrechts	76966 points
2nd Prize	Bettina Tonkin	76070 points
3rd Prize	Helen Dingjan	75659 points
Av. Prize	Peter Seegers	71104 points

Jokeren:

1st prize	Thea Gorter	24 average score
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Bolivia:

1st Prize	Nelly van der Heiden	262567 points
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All the winners are to be congratulated with their winning performances and to all those players that just did not get there, better luck with the next competition.

That is the good thing with playing cards, everyone can win any competition, all you need is a lucky streak or lucky period.

Bram Buying.

IN LOVING MEMORY

Passed away on the 31st of December

Flora Peters

Our sincere condolences to her family from the Neerlandia Card Club and the Dutch Society Neerlandia of WA.

May she Rest in Peace.



The following Members will celebrate their birthday during **the month of February.**

We wish them all a very **Happy Birthday !!!**

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If your birthday is not mentioned in this list at all, this means that we do have the incorrect details entered in our membership database.

Or you may wish that your birthday is not mentioned at all.

To make changes, you need to contact our

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Those Enterprising Dutchmen.

The Portuguese traders finally discovered how the Venetians got hold of those gorgeous woven materials and the desirable spices and where they came from. The Dutch in turn hijacked these secrets from the Portuguese. Some forward thinking Dutch merchants heard about some sailors, who had sailed on Portuguese ships, returning from far-away countries, loaded with a host of wonderful 'spices' that gave your food such a great taste. This was the early start of the Golden Age for the rebellious Dutch, who separated from their Spanish rulers after an eighty year struggle.

The history of the spice trade is lost in the mist of antiquity. But already a lively trade has been recorded as early as 400 BC, when the Aksum Empire, centred in Ethiopia, was in control of trade routes stretching as far as China, India, Persia, Arabia and to the south as far as Mombassa. All kinds of spices together with silks, ivory, gold, emeralds and rubies slowly plodded their way on camel's back to the Lands of the Pharaohs, the ancient Greek City States and Rome.

In Medieval times, these goods filtered into Europe when the Crusaders came in contact with them. The merchants of Venice were not slow to horn into this profitable trade, thereby developing into a formidable power and for some time the sole providers of spices as well as Asian luxurious clothing materials and other exotic goods to the western countries.

For many centuries, the tortuous overland routes to Egypt combined with the easier transfer of spices in dhows overseas from the Indies and India (especially Malabar) through the Red Sea to Egypt, went relatively without much trouble as a cordial relationship was established over the years with the many tribal areas through which they had to travel. However this came to an end in the mid-seventh century, when the rise of Islam closed off the overland caravan routes to Egypt and the Suez and the Arabian people taking over. This was a mortal blow to the once mighty Axium Trading Empire, which gradually fell into decline and finally became history after the 7th century when they no longer minted their own coinage. Their capital Aksum was once the purported home of the Queen of Sheba and the resting place of the 'Ark of the Covenant'.

The first Dutch merchant ships left from Amsterdam in April 1595, heading for the far East around the Cape of Good Hope. Another convoy left in 1598 and returned a year later with 600.000 pounds of spices and other products like silks, rewarding those enterprising merchants with fabulous dividends on their investments. This event resulted in a scramble where as many as eight companies vied for a share of spices available for sale from the local population. As predictable, prices soared with the competitors bidding up against each other and even sabotaging each other's efforts. Raadspensionaris Johan van Oldebarnevelt forced these companies in 1602 to sit together

and agree to form one combined trading company, known as the VOC (Verenigde Oost Indische Compagnie).

We have now come to talk about those magic spices, and I will start with Pepper. Since prehistoric times pepper has been used in India. Pepper grows in southern Thailand, Malaysia, the Indies but particularly at the Malabar Coast in southern India. Black pepper, together with other spices, changed the course of world history. It led to the European colonisation of these countries except Thailand. An old sailor's shanty reminds us of the days that the VOC ships loaded the black peppercorns in the Malabar harbour:-

*Far away across the ocean, underneath an Indian star,
dwells a dusky little maiden on the coast of Malabar.
In the harbour where we anchored, I can see her shy and
sweet, with a bunch of wine and roses and the wild
waves at her feet.*

*Many a happy night I spent with her, 'neath the palm
trees green and tall. Many a happy night I danced with
her down in yonder city hall.*

*She would raise her misty little face and gaze across the
bay. She would whisper "If you love me, why do you sail
away?"*

Black peppercorns were found stuffed in the nostrils of Ramesses II who died in 1213BC and placed there as part of the mummification rituals. Pepper was widely used to improve the taste of food and especially added to



the half decomposed food of the pyramid builders so it became somewhat edible again in that hot climate. The often putrid food dished out to the crew sailing under the VOC banners was also

fortified with pepper, especially after many months of sailing on the oceans.

The Black Peppercorn develops from a flowering vine. White pepper comes after removal of the skin of the black pepper. Green Pepper comes from unripe berries. All these peppers have different flavours. Pepper in Europe was so valuable that it was used for collateral and at times even used for currency. That was the case when Alaric the Visigoth ransomed besieged Rome in 410 AD, together with the gold and silver demanded, he also wanted and got 3000 pounds of pepper. The term 'peppercorn rent' is still used and today, pepper now accounts for one-fifth of the world's spice trade. As of old, black pepper has been used as a medicine for a whole range of ailments like constipation, lung diseases, toothache and a host of others. At present Vietnam is the world's major pepper producer, controlling about 34% of the market.

Cloves are the dried aromatic flower-buds of a tree. They are native in Indonesia and India. The tree grows to a

Those enterprising Dutchmen



height of 60-100 metres. Cloves are used as a spice and also for incense, especially in China and Japan, as well as to create the well known 'chaff tea' an Indian spiced black tea. The essence of

cloves is used in perfumes and since time immemorial as a medicine for a whole range of illnesses. Western studies support the use of cloves and clove oil for the treatment of toothache, as a mosquito repellent while it may also reduce blood sugar levels. Due to the early VOC traders, the use of cloves is widespread in the Netherlands where they find their way into cheeses and for making the well known Dutch Speculaas.

Traditionally cloves are used in their all popular stew 'hachee'.

In Bali I observed picking cloves from these tall trees by the locals is done by erecting a tripod of shaved poles, lashed together at the top. Sturdy wedges are drilled into these poles to allow climbing and access into the tree branches. It takes a lot of skill to balance high up with a bag around their shoulder which is getting heavier while harvesting.

Nutmeg grows on an evergreen tree, mainly in the Banda islands of the Moluccas. Nutmeg is important for two spices extracted from the fruit, Nutmeg and Mace. The nutmeg is also used to extract essential oils and nutmeg butter, the latter to be used as a replacement for cocoa butter. As with a number of those magical spices, nutmeg was also used in medicine and especially against illnesses related to nervous and digestive systems. From old records we learn that nutmeg has been used as incense by Roman priests. In medieval times it was used by the rich as a prized and costly flavouring for food as well as a preservative. In the days of Elisabeth 1(1533-1603) it was generally believed that nutmeg could ward off the plague, hence its great popularity.

Cinnamon is the dried bark of the small cinnamon tree, native to Sri Lanka, but now generally grown in Indonesia. Cinnamon has been known in antiquity, even the Old Testament mentions that Moses was commanded to use both



sweet cinnamon and cassia in the holy anointing oil. In the song of Solomon, a verse describing the beauty of his beloved, 'Cinnamon scents her garments like the smell of Libanon'. A wall inscription records the gift of cinnamon to the temple of Apollo in Miletus, an ancient city on the west coast of Anatolia. Cinnamon from early beginnings was regarded as a precious gift, fit for a king and even for a god. It was imported to Egypt as early as 2000 BC and from there it found its way into the Greek City States and finally into Rome where classical writers such as Herodotus noted it already as a delicious but very expensive enhancement to the taste of food. It is said that Emperor Nero burned a year's worth of the city's supply

of cinnamon at the funeral of his second wife Poppaea. History tells us that the Ethiopians were the first to have discovered the energizing effect of the Coffee Bean. From Ethiopia coffee spread to Egypt and Yemen, but it was in Arabia that the bean was first roasted and brewed in the same way as it is done today. In 1583, a German physician Leonard Rauwolf noted while in Constantinople:- A beverage as black as ink, useful against numerous illnesses, particularly those of the stomach. Its consumers take it in the morning in a porcelain cup that is passed around and from which each one takes a mouthful. The first European coffee-house opened in Venice in 1645. The Dutch were the first to import coffee on a large scale; they defied the Arab prohibition on the exportation of plants or unroasted beans when Pieter van den Broeck in 1616 smuggled seedlings from Aden into Holland. The first exports of



beans, from the coffee plants in Java to Holland, occurred in 1711. It has been said that coffee these days is the second most traded

commodity in the world, behind crude oil.

Tea next to coffee is a world-wide accepted beverage. Early 1600 a ship of the Dutch VOC brought the first shipment of green tea leaves to Amsterdam from China. There are 4 main varieties of tea, viz. Black Tea, Oolong Tea, Green Tea and White Tea and numerous varieties. The plant is growing mainly in tropical and sub-tropical climates. High quality plants are cultivated at elevations of 5000ft (1500 M), they grow there slower and the leaves acquire a better flavour. Only the top one to two inches are picked and every six to ten days a new growth can be harvested.

The merchants of Holland hit the jackpot when they found the way to the Far East and gradually took away the profitable spice trade from the Portuguese in the Indies, Ceylon (Sri Lanka), Formosa (Taiwan) and Malacca in Malaysia. Their main competitors however were and remained the English who at the end overtook the Dutch because of their superior numbers- 'The 7 Provinces' with 1.9 million inhabitants against England/Scotland 6.5 million as estimated in the year 1650. However during the years from 1600 till halfway 1700, the Dutch skillfully accumulated untold wealth, not only with spices, coffee and tea, but also with ivory, ebony together with other precious woods, precious stones, silks and above all the blue Chinese porcelain, which they quickly copied and thereby turning Delft into a leading producer of the famous 'Delft Blauw'.

Gerard Woerlee

Challenging puzzles by the Puzzle Wizard

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CODEBREAKER PUZZLE



How to play the Game:

A Codebreaker is a crossword puzzle with no clues! Every letter of the alphabet has been replaced by a number, the same number represents the same letter all the time in this puzzle.

All you have to do is find out which letter is represented by which number!

The codes for three letters are given. When you have entered these letters throughout the puzzle, you should have enough information to start guessing your first word and also discover other letters. If you are unsure, use a pencil, then you can always erase.

In last month's Codebreaker was not an easy one, but once you found either Anaconda or Capriccio the rest was easy. Here is the solution: A=3; B=14; C=9; D=24; E=20; F=18; G=6; H=19; I=8; J=15; K=17; L=16; M=23; N=1; O=26; P=12; Q=7; R=13; S=10; T=4; U=25; V=5; W=21; X=2; Y=11; Z=22.

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Sudoku

The aim of the Sudoku Puzzle is to insert numbers in the boxes to satisfy only one condition: each row, each column and each 3x3 box must contain one each of the digits 1 through 9.

Sudoku - Easy

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2	7		3	8	9			
9				1		5		2



Sudoku - Moderate

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					4		9	
5			1	9	2			

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